

DEHS Director Meeting: 12/05/2013

Next Vision Element Planning Meeting is January 6th, 2014 at 1300 EST

Next quarterly meeting (in person) is March 4-6, 2014, details coming soon

Aberdeen: Chris Allen

Oklahoma: David Hogner

Alaska: Denman Ondelacy, Jeff Smith

Phoenix: Kenny Hicks

Albuquerque: Debra Grabowski

Portland: Celeste Davis

Bemidji: Casey Crump

Tucson: Martin Smith

Billings: Joe Amiotte

Environmental Health Support Center: Richard Turner

California: Gordon Tsatoke

Rockville: Kelly Taylor, John Smart, Nancy Bill, David

Nashville: Kit Grosch

McMahon, Darren Buchanan, Jessica Otto

Navajo: Brian Johnson, Charles Woodlee

National Performance Measures

- The survey to collect the performance measures has been sent out to the Area DEHS Directors. Contact John Smart or Kelly Taylor if you have questions. Responses are due by DEC 18.

Injury Prevention (IP)

- The Injury Prevention Fellowship application packets are out and are due by December 6th. They can be found on the News and Announcements page on the IP website: <http://www.ihs.gov/injuryprevention/index.cfm>

Institutional Environmental Health (IEH)

- The Institutional Environmental Health Residency Announcement deadline has been extended from December 6, 2014 to December 18, 2014. The announcement was revised to include language on Indian Preference requirements. Please call CAPT McMahon for more information.

Call for Data/Projects/Environmental Health Specialist of 2013 Nominations

- The call for staffing data was sent out and is due back by DEC 31, 2013 and the call for projects is due JAN 17, 2014. Email Jessica with questions.
- The call for EHS of 2013 will be sent out shortly and will be due JAN 25, 2014
- The call for photos from 2013 will be sent out shortly and will be due JAN 10, 2014

Area Reports

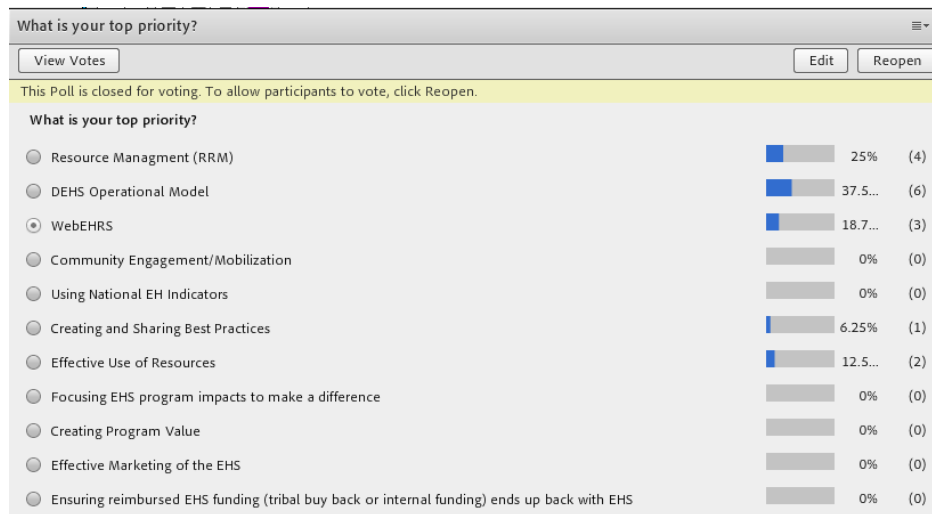
- Aberdeen:
 - Working on a *Shigella* outbreak.
- Alaska:
 - The Joint Commission made a surprise visit.
 - Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) made a surprise visit.
 - Chris Fish passed his Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) exam.

- Albuquerque
 - a dog tested positive for rabies, 3 individuals had post-exposure treatment, 3 animals had to be put down during the investigation, 30 community animals were re-vaccinated. There is a request for a follow-up rabies vaccination clinic.
- Bemidji
 - The BE Area DEHS Director position opened 12/3/13 and closes 12/16/13.
 - Megan Arndt was selected for the field position at Rhinelander.
- Billings
 - No news.
- California
 - Two new federally recognized tribes have purchased land and are in the planning stages for developing gaming facilities.
- Nashville
 - UNITY Youth Treatment Center just had their Joint Commission inspection.
 - Riley Grinnell attended the IP Level II Course.
- Navajo
 - The Navajo Nation is trying to establish a Child Fatality Review Team.
 - The Nation passed a resolution to support a public health department.
 - Hosting an IP Level I Course at Window Rock DEC 16-19.
 - Reorganization of food service supply distribution for Head Start programs has become a challenge.
- Oklahoma
 - The OKC Area DEHS Director position opened 11/27/13 and closes 12/11/13.
- Phoenix
 - There was 1 child fatality from Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) in September. The area has secured emergency funding from the IHS Director for projects for prevention. There is also a new tribal animal control policy being written.
 - 18 tribes in the area got Federal Highway Transportation Safety money, totaling \$1 million. Most of the sites secured money for planning but a few have improvement projects ready for engineering.
- Portland
 - Will be working on the area DEHS strategic plan next week.
- Tucson
 - Had some children test positive for elevated blood lead levels, working on education and sampling efforts.
 - Working on program planning for the year.
- Environmental Health Support Center (EHSC)
 - There is an offer from CDC to have the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) course offered for free. Please contact Richard if you are interested in hosting.
 - The OEHE Leadership Development Program will be staffing its first cohort of the online program. Area DEHS Directors should be prepared to provide your OEHE Director with names for nomination. This first cohort will be for individuals with 1-5 years of experience in IHS and will start the online modules sometime in late January 2014 or early February.

Action Planning

This portion of the meeting was recorded and is available upon request.

- The item identified as the next Vision Element is a DEHS Operating Model. Future meetings will be scheduled to better identify the scope of work and volunteers needed to complete this Vision Element.
- The next planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 6th at 1300 EST. Screen shots of the polls and notes from that session are pasted below.



Strat Plan Element

In the context of DEHS Operational Model
Improving program management, white paper for systems approach, work prioritization, program planning, inventory of SOPs, collecting best practices

Victory

VICTORY
Tools for setting priorities
Consistency across areas (established minimum services that should be provided)
Balancing SOPs/consistency with Area customization
Comprehensive approach
One stop shopping for operational model tools
OEHE Technical Handbook Chapter for DEHS (pairs with CHAPT 11)
Access to timely best practices (library)
Historical informaiton available
Clear information on what we do and how we do it (or how we should)
Consensus and Clarity of minimum DEHS Services